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International application No. PCT/US00/10512	Applicant's or agent's file reference 17974-1-PC
International filing date (day/month/year) 19 April 2000 (19.04.00)	Priority date (day/month/year) 20 April 1999 (20.04.99)
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1. The designated Office is hereby notified of its election made:

in the demand filed with the International Preliminary Examining Authority on:

17 November 2000 (17.11.00)

in a notice effecting later election filed with the International Bureau on:

2. The election was

was not

made before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date or, where Rule 32 applies, within the time limit under Rule 32.2(b).

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 17974-1-PC	FOR FURTHER ACTION see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
International application No. PCT/US 00/ 10512	International filing date (day/month/year) 19/04/2000	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 20/04/1999
Applicant UNION CARBIDE CHEMICALS & PLASTICS		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 2 sheets.

It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

a. With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

b. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing :

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the statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.

the statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished

2. **Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box I).**

3. **Unity of Invention is lacking (see Box II).**

4. With regard to the title,

the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the abstract,

the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No.

as suggested by the applicant.

because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.

because this figure better characterizes the invention.

None of the figures.

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
 IPC 7 C09D11/02 C09D5/02 C09D17/00 C09B67/00

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 7 C09D C09B

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal, WPI Data, PAJ

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category °	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X ✓	EP 0 129 329 A (ALLIED COLLOIDS LTD) 27 December 1984 (1984-12-27) page 3, line 33 -page 7, line 9 page 8, line 32 -page 9, line 3 table 4 --- DE 196 26 839 A (BASF AG) 8 January 1998 (1998-01-08) claims 1-9 --- DE 196 25 773 A (HOECHST AG) 2 January 1998 (1998-01-02) claims 6,8 -----	1,3,5,6, 9,10,12, 14,15 1,5-7,9, 14,15
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Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference SJA/56586/000	FOR FURTHER ACTION	See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)
International application No. PCT/US00/10512	International filing date (day/month/year) 19/04/2000	Priority date (day/month/year) 20/04/1999
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC C09D11/02		
Applicant UNION CARBIDE CHEMICALS & PLASTICS ... et al.		

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.

This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of 2 sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I Basis of the report
- II Priority
- III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV Lack of unity of invention
- V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI Certain documents cited
- VII Certain defects in the international application
- VIII Certain observations on the international application

Date of submission of the demand 17/11/2000	Date of completion of this report 25.07.2001
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**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY
EXAMINATION REPORT**

International application No. PCT/US00/10512

I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **elements** of the international application (*Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17)*):

Description, pages:

1-23 as originally filed

Claims, No.:

1-12 as received on 15/06/2001 with letter of 13/06/2001

2. With regard to the **language**, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language: , which is:

- the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of the international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
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4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- the description, pages:
- the claims, Nos.:
- the drawings, sheets:

5. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)):

**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY
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International application No. PCT/US00/10512

(Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.)

6. Additional observations, if necessary:

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N) Yes: Claims 1-12
 No: Claims

Inventive step (IS) Yes: Claims 1-12
 No: Claims

Industrial applicability (IA) Yes: Claims 1-12
 No: Claims

2. Citations and explanations
see separate sheet

VII. Certain defects in the international application

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:
see separate sheet

**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY
EXAMINATION REPORT - SEPARATE SHEET**

International application No. PCT/US00/10512

I The new set of claims is fully supported by the application as filed and meets the requirements of Article 34 (2)(b) PCT.

II The compositions of the independent claims 1, 11 and 12 are delimited from the disclosure of EP-A 129 329. Said document discloses the use of **water soluble** polymers as pigment dispersants, whereas the present claims involve polymers which are not water soluble. There is also no evidence that the polymers used in EP-A 129 329 are capable of providing a "Viscosity Retention Factor" of 5 or less. Said factor is adequately defined in the description and can be used as a distinguishing feature.

The documents cited in the search report do not suggest the use of the polymers defined in the present claim 1 as pigment dispersant.

III The description is not in agreement with the amended set of claims.

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